

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

TSUNG H. HSU,

Plaintiff,

v.

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

C20-88 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

(1) A status conference is hereby SET for Monday, March 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Counsel will be provided via email the information needed to access the ZoomGov.com session.

(2) At the status conference, counsel shall be prepared to address the following issues:

(a) whether the trial can be tried without a jury

(b) whether and, if so, the trial (or any portion of the trial) can be conducted by ZoomGov.com platform.

(c) how long the trial is anticipated to require;

(d) the number of exhibits as to which authenticity and/or admissibility will likely be disputed;

(e) the number of witnesses who are expected to testify;

1 (f) how many and which witnesses could testify in a remote
2 manner regardless of whether the trial is conducted virtually or in person;

3 (g) the impact on jurors if one or more days of trial are conducted
4 in the courthouse;

5 (h) whether deliberations should be conducted virtually even if
6 portions or all of the trial occurs in the courthouse;

7 (i) what type or types of access to the proceedings the public
8 should have;

9 (j) what limits, if any, the Court should set on the number of
10 attorneys and litigation staff who are present in the courtroom at the same
11 time;

12 (k) whether the Court could and/or should require that the trial be
13 conducted virtually over the objection of one or more parties, see Liu v State Farm
14 Mut. Auto. Ins. Co., --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2020 WL 8465987 (W.D. Wash. Dec. 17,
15 2020).

16 (3) By Thursday, March 4, 2021, the parties are directed to file a Joint Status
17 Report, regarding the subjects identified in Paragraph 2.

18 (4) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of
19 record.

20 Dated this 25th day of February, 2021.

21 William M. McCool
22 Clerk

23 s/Gail Glass
Deputy Clerk